[30th September 1955

* 28 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conciliation measures taken by the Government on the lock-out of the Loyal Textile Mill, Kovilpatti, Madurai, since 6th September 1955; and

(*b*) the number of workers that are unemployed on account of the lock-out?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) On receipt of intimation of lock-out by the management Loyal Textile Mills, Limited, Kovilpatti, on 6th September 1955, the Commissioner of Labour proceeded to Madurai, held conciliation proceedings and brought about an amicable settlement on 14th September 1955. The lock-out was lifted on 15th September 1955.

(*b*) 1,297 were unemployed during the period of lock-out.

* 29 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Nituvaloor Estate, Chemgelai near Taliparamba, North Malabar, retrenched on 5th September 1955 all the workers engaged in the Kachara work without giving any notice to them; and

(*b*) if so, the conciliation measures taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for from the Commissioner of Labour and it is awaited.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Are the Government aware that the management of the Nituvaloor Estate was bent upon violating the rules pertaining to labour, that it had recently dispensed with all the workers who were considered to be Kanchara workers and that when the Labour Officer called for an explanation, the management refused to submit it? Will the Government see that immediate action is taken so that the workers of the estate may get some relief?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I am looking for the report called for from the Commissioner of Labour.

* 30 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a resolution passed at a public meeting held at Shoranur on 21st July 1955 under the auspices of the Metal Labour Union, Shoranur, Malabar, requesting the Government to take steps to fix minimum wages to the workers in the Metal Industry; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?